

JUDICIAL PROFILE

Roger Kaufman is presently assigned to the Civil Department. In May, 1998 he was assigned the task of restructuring the Criminal Department and its case flow to reduce delays in a time of rapidly increasing caseloads. He served as Presiding Judge of the Criminal Department until September, 2000. In 1995, two years after becoming a Superior Court Judge, he was appointed the Presiding Judge of the Civil Department. He balanced his courtroom duties with the management of the Civil Department. He chaired a statewide committee that developed new civil jury instructions and has worked to decrease the cost and delay of civil litigation. In 1997, the Civil Department reduced its caseload from about 29,000 cases to 22,300, even though the filing rate increased that year. He revamped civil statistics to help judges manage their caseloads more efficiently. He is regarded by other judges as a very learned and capable trial judge, and serves as a mentor to both judges and attorneys. Before his assignment to the civil department, Judge Kaufman was assigned to the criminal department for nine months and in May, 1998 became the Criminal Presiding Judge. Judge Kaufman received his B.A. with



honors in philosophy from Cornell University in 1960 and his J.D. from Harvard Law School in 1963. He joined the Phoenix law firm of Lewis and Roca in 1963 and practiced law there until his appointment to the Bench in March, 1993. Hospitals and health care, insurance, and general civil litigation were his major areas of practice. He also served as a judge pro tem from 1977 to 1981.

Judge Kaufman is listed in *Who's Who in America* and *The Best Lawyers in America*. He is past president of the Arizona Judges' Association. He chaired the Superior Court Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee and served on the Arizona Supreme Court Committee on Alternative Dispute Resolution. He has served on the Board of Directors of the State Bar of Arizona and has chaired the State Bar Civil Practice and Procedure Committee and the committee which proposed the original Arizona Rules of Evidence. Judge Kaufman has also served on the Board of Directors of the American Cancer Society, the Baptist Hospital Foundation, and the Arizona Bioethics Network. He received the Arizona Medical Association's Distinguished Service Award. He is the author of several publications on courtroom procedure and evidence, and healthcare law. He received the Maricopa County Bar Association's Henry Stevens Award in 2000 for his "outstanding service to the legal profession through activities in the judiciary."